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SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACTION

Subject: Reconsideration of Bikelanes and Wide-outside Lanes

Meeting Date: August 7, 2001

Recommendation: That the Council approve the following resolution:

- Bicycle lanes should be provided on arterials streets and appropriate collector streets within Chapel Hill. In cases where specific conditions would not support bicycle lanes (e.g. some steep down slopes) and in situations where the Council wishes to minimize the impact of roadway widenings on adjacent properties wide outside lanes should be included in the project.
- Bike lanes are especially appropriate on collector streets with higher speeds and traffic volumes
- Bike lanes must be kept free of debris. Driveways and intersections by bike lanes must be marked, identified or signalized to reduce the risk of collisions.
- Wide outside lanes or shoulders should be provided on local streets that are identified as part of the Town's bicycle network.
- Implement an educational program for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers of the rights, responsibilities and courtesy on the roads of Chapel Hill.
- Implement a comprehensive signage program indicating bike routes and lane sharing.

The Board also recommended that the Town Manager be directed to incorporate this policy in all design guidelines used by the Town to construct or improve roadways.

Vote: 6 - 0

Aye: Cianciolo, Dobbins, Hampton, Hintz, Howe, Schroeder

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